

EXHIBIT 11

Prof. Dershowitz, Tell Me How You Really Feel

Harvard's legendary law professor chats with the Careerist about the recent sex allegations, his enemies and the "cesspool."

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(Alan Dershowitz)

Alan Dershowitz, arguably the most famous—and maybe infamous—law professor in the land, wants to set the record straight. When he heard that I was writing about his relationship with billionaire Jeffrey Epstein and the related allegation that Dershowitz engaged in sex with a minor, he tracked me down to tell his side of the story.

The backdrop: Dershowitz was part of a legal team that had negotiated a plea deal in 2008 in which Epstein pleaded guilty to felony charges in Florida for soliciting prostitution from a minor. Epstein served 13 months in prison but was spared federal charges under the deal. Last December, lawyers [Bradley Edwards](#) and [Paul Cassell](#) filed suit against the U.S. government, arguing that the plea deal violated the rights of Epstein's alleged sex victims; the suit also alleges that Dershowitz had sex with one of the victims when she was under age. Dershowitz has denied all the allegations, and Edwards and Cassell have [filed a defamation suit against Dershowitz](#) for calling them liars.

The following are excerpts from my two phone conversations with Dershowitz:

From what I've read, your relationship with Epstein seemed chummy. You socialized with him and you and your family stayed at his various homes. Isn't it a bad idea for a lawyer to be so close to a notorious client?

Let me tell you how I met him. I was introduced to him by Lady de Rothschild as an academic colleague. He was friendly with Larry Summers . . . He was in the process of contributing \$50 million to Harvard for evolutionary biology.

So Epstein was friendly with all sorts of Harvard muckety-mucks.

The fact that he was giving money didn't hurt. We went to events that he was involved in but none of us suspected that he had another side until later. Jeffrey loved academics. My conversations with him were only about academic subjects. We never discussed females or our social life.

Did your relationship change with Epstein when you took him on as a client?

Virtually all my social contact with him was of an academic nature, and it was prior to the time he was indicted. My relationship with him was entirely professional. It is a total bum rap to say that I "cavorted" with him or was "chummy" with him. I teach my students never, never get too close to clients—and certainly don't do anything improper with them.

The suit says that Jane Doe No. 3 was forced to have sex with you, Prince Andrew and "many other powerful men," including unnamed politicians, foreign presidents and world leaders. Why were you and the Prince singled out by name?

They want to void the plea agreement and needed to find a lawyer who knew Epstein before [the indictment], and had been on his island, his home in New Mexico, Palm Beach. I fit the bill. It was lawyer profiling.

And the Prince?

They claimed that Prince Andrew was using his influence to get Epstein a better deal with the government. What's more laughable than suggesting that the U.S. Attorney would listen to the Prince to go easy on Epstein!

Why bother responding if you think the allegations are so outrageous? Why not just let the facts come out during the legal process?

I have to respond to everything. That's the way I am. Imagine having an unblemished personal life then reading graffiti scrawled on the bathroom door that gets picked up in every paper based on the assertions of a woman who's a serial liar.

Brad Edwards, one of the lawyers bringing this suit, has a history of legal entanglement with Epstein, as does his former partner Scott Rothstein, who's now in prison for his role in a Ponzi scheme. But the other lawyer in this case, Paul Cassell, is a former federal judge and a law professor. Why is he getting involved?

Everyone is shocked that he would be part of this. I think he's always hated me because I'm his opposite. I'm the conventional liberal he hates: I'm against the death penalty, I'm pro abortion rights, pro gun control.

Seems risky to bring a lawsuit for just ideological differences.

No one can understand Cassell's motive. Either he will be disbarred or I will be. And if I knowingly had sex with a sex slave then I would deserve disbarment.

What about the reaction? Do you feel you've been treated fairly by the press and the public?

I've been treated particularly harshly by lawyers and law professors. They are so quick to say that I might be guilty. They're getting too much pleasure out of this. There's a dose of schadenfreude.

Why do you think people like getting you upset?

I'm controversial and more famous than they are. There's a lot of jealousy.

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I gather you're talking about legal academia.

Yes, it's a cesspool of jealousy. People in it lack courage.

But you're no stranger to harsh criticism. People weren't exactly nominating you for a justice award for getting O.J. Simpson and Claus von Bulow off the hook.

Some of the criticisms against me have been just. I'm a tough lawyer. But charging me with one of the most heinous crimes is on a different level. I've never been attacked like this. I don't know any lawyer or professor who's had these accusations waged against them. It's worse than what Clarence Darrow had to face.

You retired from Harvard Law School a year ago. Did you expect so much excitement at this stage of your career?

This is an absolute shock. I'm living my little life here [in Florida, New York and Martha's Vineyard]. I lead a boring life. I've been married to the same woman for 28 years. She goes with me everywhere. People know that I won't argue a case or give a speech unless my wife travels with me. This is not the profile of someone who screws around.

You take all this very, very personally, don't you?

Wouldn't you? I've got two grandchildren in college and they are reading this about me. This is the fight of my life.

Note: We have been in contact with Edwards and Cassell and hope to get their sides of the story soon.